

### **Well Water:**

If the well casing is covered in water, Do Not Use the Water. Your well will need to be chlorinated, if it was submerged in flood water.

- ☐ Well water test kits are available at the Environmental Health Department on Third and Franklin in limited supply
- ☐ Call the Health Department at 812-379-1550 to make sure supply is still available
- ☐ It takes 5 days to process.
- ☐ Directions for chlorinating your well are available, too.

### **Sanitizing Solution for buildings and possessions:**

- ☐ Scrub dirty damp walls with stiff brush and water to remove mud and silt. Let dry. Avoid creating steam while drying.
- ☐ Dry, clean walls and other hard surfaces may be sanitized
  - Use laundry bleach with a 5.25% sodium hypochlorite
  - Mix one part of liquid chlorine bleach to nine parts of water.
  - Use in well ventilated area.
  - Do not use on metal surfaces.
  - This solution is corrosive.
  - Severely wet or molded surfaces may require repeated cleanings.

Bartholomew County Health Department and Indiana State Department of Health **does not** test for mold.

### **Basements**

- ☐ Slowly pump 1 1/3 of depth per 24 hours
- ☐ Faster pumping may cause the walls to collapse

**Food: When in doubt, throw it out.** Unless in a sealed canned container, all food that touched flood water should be thrown away.

Clean Sealed Canned Foods as instructed below:

- ☐ Remove label
- ☐ Wash item in soapy water by scrubbing with brush
- ☐ Immerse in bleach solution for 15 minutes;
  - 1 ounce chlorine bleach to 1 gallon water
- ☐ Dry completely to prevent rusting

### **Rehabilitation of buildings:**

- ☐ Make sure building is safe.
- ☐ Remove all damaged material including wet doors.
- ☐ Discard or dry.
- ☐ Wait for up to 3-4 months to redecorate a flood damaged building. It may take that long to completely dry.
- ☐ You will need to have your home inspected prior to having your electricity turn on.
- ☐ Contact Bartholomew County Code Enforcement at 379-1535 to schedule an appointment. Do not attempt to turn on power yourself.

**Get a tetanus shot if you were injured while working in flood waters and have not received one in the past five years. Call Public Health Nursing for availability 379-1555**